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Title: Need to set up an IIT at Hubli-Dharwad, Karnataka.

SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI (DHARWAD NORTH): Sir, the Ministry of Human Resource Development is in the process of finalising the proposals for the Eleventh Five Year Plan. One of the important proposals is to establish new IITs and IIMs in various parts of the country. Accordingly, there is a great pressure for opening an IIT in Hubli-Dharwad, a big educational centre in northern part of Karnataka. Hubli-Dharwad is hub of educational activities with two universities, two medical colleges and many engineering colleges.[s29]

Northern part of Karnataka is considered more backward in terms of development and infrastructure and hence needs immediate attention of the Government. In this background, opening a new IIT in Hubli-Dharwad goes a long way in the development of the entire region. I would also like to bring to the notice of the Government that Dr. U.R.Rao Committee appointed by the Government of India to go into this matter is also reported to have recommended Hubli-Dharwad to be a suitable place for opening a new IIT. What happened with this recommendation? Why is the Government not clear on this demand? Has the Government finalized the places of new IITs? I urge upon the Government to immediately finalise Hubli-Dharwad to be one of the places for opening a new IIT.

The Expert Committee which was appointed for this has clearly recommended Hubli−Dharwad. I urge upon the Government to take a final decision on this in favour of Hubli-Dharwad in the Northern Part of Karnataka which is the neglected part of that region.